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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Degenhardt *et al.* : Confirmation No. 6277
Serial No. 09/996,657 : Group Art Unit 1625
Filed November 29, 2001 : Examiner: R. Desai
For SUBSTITUTED HETEROCYCLIC COMPOUNDS FOR TREATING MULTIDRUG
RESISTANCE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

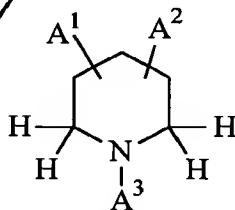
In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1 - 16.

Please add new Claim 17 as follows:

17. A compound having the structure:



or an optical isomer, diastereomer, enantiomer, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salt, or amide, ester, or imide susceptible to being cleaved *in vivo* by a mammalian subject to yield the compound, wherein: